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**A = Ahmad; L = Liz**

**A:** Hi there, I’m interested in taking a class at your college – umm … the history of art course.

**L:** Is that the two year A-level course?

**A:** Sorry, what do you mean by A-level?

**L:** The A-level art history course is a two year pre-university course with examinations at the end of each year.

**A:** Oh no, no, no … I don’t want to take any exams. It’s just for interest.

**L:** OK. In that case, we have a one year art appreciation course.

**A:** Sorry. Could you speak up a little? I can’t hear you very well.

**L:** Yes, we have a one year art appreciation course..

**A:** Umm … can you explain what the course involves?

**L:** Yeah, it’s a two hour class once a week and, basically, it teaches you how to look at art so that you get the most from the experience.

**A:** No, sorry, I’m not really with you. Are you saying that it doesn’t really deal with the history of art?

**L:** No … there’s some history of art in it, of course, but it’s mainly learning about composition, techniques, references and so on.

**A:** Hmm … Could you give me an example of the kind of thing students do in the class?

**L:** Sure. Typically, students look at works of art and then comment on them. Then they’re told more about the artist, what he or she was trying to achieve and then they look at their work again, … with fresh eyes as it were.

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**A:** Mmm, OK. It sounds quite interesting. What was the course called again?

**L:** Art appreciation.

**A:** And when is it?

**L:** Every Tuesday – in term time, that is – from 7 p.m. til 9 p.m., starting on … one minute … yeah, starting on the 29th of September. The cost is £298 for the year, unless you’re a registered student.

**A:** Hang on a second. That’s too much to take in all at once. I’m trying to write it down. I didn’t catch the start date. Did you say the 29th of November?

**L:** No, the 29th of September.

**A:** OK. Well, thanks. I’ll have a think about it, but it sounds good.

**L:** No worries, bye.